

*The Windy*

Tall Ship Field Trip

Dear Parents/Guardians:  
  
On Tuesday, September 22, we set sail on *The Windy* tall ship, leaving Navy Pier for an educational sail on Lake Michigan. We will board buses at 9:30, sail at 10:30, picnic at Navy Pier, and board the buses for school at 1:30 p.m.  
  
**Curriculum Connection**  
**Harnessing the Wind** - The physics of how a sailing ship sails. This module explains how a sailing ship can sail against the wind and change direction. It also familiarizes students with the terms associated with sailing.

**The Language and Life of a Sailor** - This section is designed to teach students nautical terms and names for the vessel parts and provide hands-on exploration of the tools, trinkets, and nomenclature of a sailor from the 1880s to the present. This is a great history lesson.

**Tall Ships and Ecology** – This section provides students with the opportunity to learn about the many different functions of sailing vessels, such as harnessing the wind, and serving as platforms for research on climate change, water, and environmental conservation, and the development of alternative energies.  
  
**IMPORTANT!**

**• It is cold out on the lake, even if the weather is mild on land. Please send your child to school with a coat.**

**• Please send a bag lunch to school. The lunch must be entirely disposable, since we will picnic and then throw all garbage away before boarding the buses.**  
  
**Cost**  
The cost for the trip is $15. **Please pay in cash**, as we must divide the funds between the ship and bus companies.  A signed permission slip and payment are due by **Friday, September 11**.   
  
**Chaperones**  
Please let us know on the form if you would like to chaperone this trip. Chaperones will need to pay the fee as well.  
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 **The Windy Tall Ship Permission**I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the field trip to *The Windy* Tall Ship and sail on Lake Michigan on Tuesday, September 22.   
  
  
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Signature                            Date  
  
  
\_\_\_  Yes! I,  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am available to attend as a chaperone and have

included my payment.